



## ORGANIZATION OF EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES IN THE MOTHER TONGUE

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### ABSTRACT

*In this article, the organization of extracurricular activities in the mother tongue, its importance and the intelligence and understanding of schoolchildren, methods of organizing extracurricular activities in the mother tongue, taking into account their importance for schoolchildren is studied.*

Extracurricular activities play a pivotal role in a college student's holistic development. However, offering such activities in their mother tongue takes this experience to new heights.

The mother tongue refers to the language that an individual acquires as their first language, typically learned during early childhood and fostered in the home environment. This language carries cultural and emotional connections, making it an integral aspect of an individual's identity. Enhancing cultural preservation and pride  
Organizing extracurricular activities in the mother tongue helps preserve cultural heritage and strengthens the sense of pride students have for their own linguistic and cultural backgrounds. It creates a platform for their language to thrive beyond the classroom, fostering a deeper connection with their roots.

Engaging in activities conducted in the mother tongue enhances cognitive abilities by leveraging the existing language skills of students. Research suggests that using the native language enables learners to think and conceptualize more effectively, fostering critical thinking, problem-solving, and creativity. When extracurricular activities are conducted in the mother tongue, students experience better comprehension and retention of the content. It reduces linguistic barriers and allows for a smoother flow of information, enabling deeper understanding and application of knowledge.

By participating in extracurricular activities in the mother tongue, students have an opportunity to further develop their linguistic proficiency. It allows them to explore the language in various contexts, expanding their vocabulary, nuance, and overall fluency. Activities conducted in the mother tongue foster effective communication skills. Students can express themselves more confidently, articulate their thoughts, and engage in meaningful dialogue. This not only enhances their linguistic abilities but also instills a sense of empowerment when communicating with others. Extracurricular activities organized in the mother tongue create a sense of belonging within the student community. It facilitates the



formation of connections, friendships, and support systems based on shared language and cultural experiences, promoting a positive social environment on campus.

Extracurricular activities in the mother tongue provide a platform for cultural exchange, allowing students from various linguistic backgrounds to interact and appreciate each other's heritage. This exposure fosters respect, empathy, and a deeper understanding of diverse perspectives, enriching the overall college experience. Including extracurricular activities in the mother tongue promotes linguistic diversity on campus. It recognizes the value of various languages and encourages the celebration of all linguistic backgrounds, thus fostering an inclusive and multicultural environment that embraces diversity. Extracurricular activities play a significant role in the overall development of students. Engaging in activities related to our mother tongue not only fosters cultural pride, but also enhances language skills, understanding, and appreciation.

To effectively organize extracurricular activities in the mother tongue, it is essential to establish language clubs or societies. These clubs can focus on various aspects, such as literature, drama, or debates in the native language. By bringing individuals interested in the mother tongue together, a platform for learning, practicing, and celebrating the language is created. Collaboration with language departments or faculties in colleges can greatly facilitate organizing extracurricular activities in the mother tongue. These departments have the infrastructure, resources, and expertise to support language-related events and initiatives. Joint efforts can lead to workshops, seminars, or competitions, enriching students' understanding of their mother tongue.

The inclusion of guest speakers or professionals fluent in the mother tongue can greatly enhance extracurricular activities. These individuals can conduct interactive sessions, provide insights into the language's cultural significance, or share personal experiences. Such interactions expose college students to a wide range of perspectives and nurture their language proficiency. Organizing language immersion programs or camps is another effective method to promote extracurricular activities in the mother tongue. These programs immerse students in an environment where they have to communicate primarily in their native language. By engaging in conversations, group activities, and cultural events, students gain fluency while forging connections with like-minded individuals. The utilization of technology is yet another approach to organizing extracurricular activities in the mother tongue. Online language platforms, virtual language exchange programs, or language-learning apps can be leveraged to engage college students. Through these platforms, students can connect with native speakers, participate in online forums, or access resources to enhance their language skills.

Celebrating linguistic diversity through language festivals or cultural events is a powerful way to promote extracurricular activities in the mother tongue. By organizing festivals that showcase traditional music, dances, and artforms, college students can feel a sense of pride in their linguistic heritage. Cultural events also create opportunities to interact with native speakers and further language learning.

Incorporating language-based competitions, such as poetry recitations or essay writing contests, taps into the competitive nature of college students. These activities encourage participants to improve their linguistic abilities while showcasing their skills in a public



setting. Creating a healthy competitive spirit can motivate students to engage more actively in extracurricular activities.

Regularly organizing discussion forums or study circles revolving around specific topics in the mother tongue can foster intellectual conversations in the language. These activities provide students with a safe space to express their thoughts, think critically, and contribute to broader language-related discussions. They also promote a deeper understanding of complex subjects in the mother tongue. To maximize participation, flexibility in scheduling extracurricular activities is crucial. Considering the diverse commitments and responsibilities of college students, offering activities during evenings or weekends ensures wider access. Additionally, allowing students to choose activities based on their interests or availability fosters a sense of ownership and increases engagement.

In summary, organizing extracurricular activities in the mother tongue requires the establishment of language clubs, collaboration with language departments, guest speakers, language immersion programs, technology integration, cultural events, competitions, discussion forums, and flexible scheduling. By implementing these strategies, college students can strengthen their language skills, cultural understanding, and appreciation for their mother tongue. Organizing extracurricular activities in the mother tongue offers numerous advantages for college students. From cultural preservation and cognitive benefits to improved comprehension and a sense of belonging, the impact is far-reaching. By embracing and nourishing linguistic diversity, educational institutions empower students, enhance their intelligence and comprehension, and contribute to a more inclusive society.

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